(b) It is the core responsibility of Special Crimes Division of the CBI to investigate cases of conventional nature entrusted by Courts/Government. CBI has an exclusive Division *i.e.* Anti Corruption Division to investigate cases relating to corruption.

(c) The rate of conviction in cases investigated by the CBI has been consistently above 65%. CBI enjoys the thrust and confidence of public, judiciary and the Government and has been playing pivotal role in investigation of important cases. The Constitutional Courts have in the last three years entrusted 512 cases for investigation.

Census for BPL population

719. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of census or other exercises, if any, carried out last at the behest of the Planning Commission or any other agency of Government with a view to determine the volume of population living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) the details of the parameters relied upon for ascertaining BPL category;

(c) whether Government is contemplating revision of the said parameters, keeping in view the consistently higher rate of inflations in foodgrains and other essential commodities especially with a view to ascertaining the volume of BPL population, realistically;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The National Sample Organization (NSSO) periodically conducts nationwide survey of consumption expenditure. Based on this data, the Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of people living below poverty line (BPL) at the State and national level, separately in rural and urban areas. The latest estimate of poverty is available for the year 2004-05, based on large sample survey of consumer expenditure of the NSSO collected in its 61st round (July, 2004 to June 2005). Using poverty line defined in terms of monthly per capita consumption expenditure of Rs. 356.30 for rural areas and Rs. 538.60 for urban areas, the percentage and total number of BPL persons has been estimated.

(c) and (d) The Planning Commission in December 2005 constituted an Expert Group to review the methodology for estimation of poverty under the chairmanship of Prof. Suresh Tendulkar. The terms of reference of the Expert Group include review of alternative conceptualizations of poverty, and the associated technical aspects of procedures of measurement and data base for empirical estimation including procedures for updating over time and across States, and in the light of this, to recommend any changes in the existing procedures of official estimates of poverty.

The poverty lines which are used to estimate the number of people living below the poverty line are periodically updated to take into account the price inflation of food grains and other essential commodities.

(e) Does not arise.

Integrated energy policy

720. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has called a meeting of the full Planning Commission recently to discuss the integrated energy policy and deliberate on the country's nuclear energy programme;